

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. 1. A method for synchronizing files on home and office computers, the method comprising the steps of:
  3. generating a work monitor log on the home computer containing file path names corresponding to file activities within the home computer; and
  5. synchronizing files on the home computer corresponding to the file path names in the work monitor log with corresponding files of the office computer.
1. 2. A method as in claim 1, wherein the corresponding files of the office computer comprise files of the office computer corresponding to the file path names in the work monitor log.
1. 3. A method as in claim 1, wherein the synchronizing step is performed on one or more selected file path names within the work monitor log.
1. 4. A method as in claim 3, wherein the synchronizing step comprises the steps of:
  2. comparing a date and time of a file on the home computer corresponding to a selected path name to a date and time of a corresponding file on the office computer; and
  3. overwriting an older of the file on the home computer corresponding to the selected path name and the corresponding file on the office computer with a newer of the file on the home computer corresponding to the selected path name and the corresponding file on the office computer.
1. 5. A method as in claim 1, wherein file activities comprise file accesses.
1. 6. A method as in claim 1, wherein file activities comprise file modifications.
1. 7. A method as in claim 1, wherein the generating step comprises:
  2. logging each file activity; and
  3. removing each log entry which has been in the work monitor log for a predetermined period of time.

1 8. A method as in claim 1, wherein the generating step comprises:  
2 logging each file activity when a user has selected to have a work monitor feature enabled.

1 9. A method as in claim 1, wherein the synchronizing step is performed in response to the  
2 user selecting to update.

1 10. A method as in claim 9, wherein only files corresponding to file activities for the current  
2 day are synchronized in the synchronizing step.

1 11. A computer readable storage medium, comprising:  
2 computer readable program code embodied on said computer readable storage medium,  
3 said computer readable program code for programming a computer to perform a method for  
4 synchronizing files on home and office computers, the method comprising the steps of:  
5 generating a work monitor log on the home computer containing file path names  
6 corresponding to file activities within the home computer; and  
7 synchronizing files on the home computer corresponding to the file path names in the  
8 work monitor log with corresponding files of the office computer.

1 12. A computer readable storage medium as in claim 11, wherein the corresponding files of  
2 the office computer comprise files of the office computer corresponding to the file path names  
3 in the work monitor log.

1 13. A computer readable storage medium as in claim 11, wherein the synchronizing step is  
2 performed on one or more selected file path names within the work monitor log.

1 14. A computer readable storage medium as in claim 13, wherein the synchronizing step  
2 comprises the steps of:  
3 comparing a date and time of a file on the home computer corresponding to a selected  
4 path name to a date and time of a corresponding file on the office computer; and  
5 overwriting an older of the file on the home computer corresponding to the selected path

6 name and the corresponding file on the office computer with a newer of the file on the home  
7 computer corresponding to the selected path name and the corresponding file on the office  
8 computer.

1 15. A computer readable storage medium as in claim 11, wherein file activities comprise file  
2 accesses.

1 16. A computer readable storage medium as in claim 11, wherein file activities comprise file  
2 modifications.

1 17. A computer readable storage medium as in claim 11, wherein the generating step  
2 comprises:

3 logging each file activity; and

4 removing each log entry which has been in the work monitor log for a predetermined  
5 period of time.

1 18. A computer readable storage medium as in claim 11, wherein the generating step  
2 comprises:

3 logging each file activity when a user has selected to have a work monitor feature enabled.

1 19. A computer readable storage medium as in claim 11, wherein the synchronizing step is  
2 performed in response to the user selecting to update.

1 20. A computer readable storage medium as in claim 19, wherein only files corresponding to  
2 file activities for the current day are synchronized in the synchronizing step.

1 21. A computer system, comprising:

2 a processor; and

3 a processor readable storage medium coupled to the processor having processor readable  
4 program code embodied on said processor readable storage medium, said processor readable

5 program code for programming a computer to perform a method for synchronizing files on home  
6 and office computers, the method comprising the steps of:  
7 generating a work monitor log on the home computer containing file path names  
8 corresponding to file activities within the home computer; and  
9 synchronizing files on the home computer corresponding to the file path names in the  
10 work monitor log with corresponding files of the office computer.

1 22. A computer system as in claim 21, wherein the corresponding files of the office computer  
2 comprise files of the office computer corresponding to the file path names in the work monitor  
3 log.

1 23. A computer system as in claim 21, wherein the synchronizing step is performed on one  
2 or more selected file path names within the work monitor log.

1 24. A computer system as in claim 23, wherein the synchronizing step comprises the steps of:  
2 comparing a date and time of a file on the home computer corresponding to a selected  
3 path name to a date and time of a corresponding file on the office computer; and  
4 overwriting an older of the file on the home computer corresponding to the selected path  
5 name and the corresponding file on the office computer with a newer of the file on the home  
6 computer corresponding to the selected path name and the corresponding file on the office  
7 computer.

1 25. A computer system as in claim 21, wherein file activities comprise file accesses.

1 26. A computer system as in claim 21, wherein file activities comprise file modifications.

1 27. A computer system as in claim 21, wherein the generating step comprises:  
2 logging each file activity; and  
3 removing each log entry which has been in the work monitor log for a predetermined  
4 period of time.

1 28. A computer system as in claim 21, wherein the generating step comprises:  
2 logging each file activity when a user has selected to have a work monitor feature enabled.

1 29. A computer system as in claim 21, wherein the synchronizing step is performed in  
2 response to the user selecting to update.

1 30. A computer system as in claim 29, wherein only files corresponding to file activities for  
2 the current day are synchronized in the synchronizing step.

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